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Annamma C. John Promoted to Glory

Annamma John was promoted to glory on the 25th of September 2018 after a prolonged illness. She was the Founder-Editor of Christian Woman which she began about ten years ago. She was also the co-founder and a director of Good News Ministries established at Trivandrum, India in 1978 under the auspices of Baptist Mid-Missions. She had composed more than 150 spiritual songs and made eleven CD albums. Of the eleven CDs, the last three, God is My Helper, The Lord of Calvary and The Compassionate God were composed while she was bedridden. She wrote articles on current issues and had been a critic of the laxity shown by believers in matters pertaining to faith, morality, doctrinal stand and Christian ethics. Her funeral service was held under the auspices of the First Baptist Church of Trivandrum at the Good News Worship Center on the 29th of September 2018 in the presence of a large crowd of people from all walks of life. Brother Chandapilla Philip, a renowned preacher among the fundamental circle, Bro. Roy Mathew, a former Good News staff worker and well-known Bible teacher and Bro. Jayaraj N, the acting pastor of the First Baptist Church of Trivandrum led the service. Rev. Jonathan Victor, Field president of the India Field Council of Baptist Mid-Missions represented Baptist Mid-Missions. Annamma and her husband Dr. Charles John had been missionaries under the Baptist Mid-Missions for the past 44 years. Among several others, Charles and his son Pramod and Charles' brother George John spoke on the occasion. Her mortal remains were laid to rest in the First Baptist Church cemetery on the afternoon of the 29th of September 2018 (I Thess. 4:16).



Along with Apostle Paul we can affirm that she was never ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ. When she was able to walk, she reached out to the unreached. When she was bedridden, she still proclaimed the gospel to the unreached who came to her. Her life was a life well lived for the glory of God.

We thank the Lord for her life and labor for the furtherance of the gospel unto the uttermost to her last breath. She remains in the hearts of literally thousands as a paragon to emulate. Along with Apostle Paul she too can claim the verse: *I have fought the good fight. I have finished the course. I have kept the faith (II Tim. 4:7)*. To God be the glory.

Editorial Board

A Successful Life

Rev. Jonathan Victor, President
India Field Council of Baptist Mid-Missions, Madurai, India



I have known Dr. Charles John and Mrs. Annamma John for the past 25 years and I always fondly called them *uncle* and *auntie*. Whenever I visited Trivandrum, they used to take care of me and I used to stay in their house. So it was my privilege to get to know them all these years. They both worked as a team and Auntie played the roll well as a mother, a wife and a servant of Christ. As you all know she raised a godly family and she served God faithfully. She is known for her genuineness, simplicity, humility and was always very warm in welcoming guests. She was simple in her dealings, and I always appreciated that. She loved her country and she wanted to serve her people until her last breath, and God fulfilled her desire. Once she told me she doesn't want to live anywhere but in India. The reason was to serve God in her own country as much as possible. As we have heard she edited a magazine and composed many songs and if you listen to the lyrics we can understand how close she was with God and how she loved God. She also took care of the family, the family of God here and faithfully took care of any responsibility that was given to her. She fondly served Christ who saved her.

Life is a gift for us from God and she gave her life back to God. That is the best gift you can give to God. As God gives us life, giving our life back to God is the best gift for Him. Death for a believer is the final best promotion to the best place. Apostle Paul in Phil. 1:21 affirms that "to live is Christ and to die is gain". We then ask the question "what gain we have in death?" Only a Christian can call death a gain. For others death is final, sad, the end of life, but for us it is the beginning of a new life. So what does Paul mean when he says death is gain? Paul said, being absent here is present with Christ. So Auntie is now living with Jesus, because she is absent here, but present with Christ. What a gain to live with God! The other gain is she has a glorified body: no more pain, no more sorrow, and that is another privilege. Another gain is she is home in heaven. That is the best she

can ever have and Jesus said in John 14: I have many mansions for you. When you go home you are going to live in one of those mansions. So she is in the best home; beautiful place, inexplicable, unimaginable, glorious and inconceivable.

My father is almost 90 years of age. Recently when he was not well, we took him to the doctor. His doctor checked him and said everything was fine. But my father said: I am not happy; I want to go home. Believers look forward to going home because that is the best place for eternity.

In closing, we have one life to live, it will soon pass before we know it. Are we living for Christ or for ourselves? You have three questions to answer:

1. Where do I come from? - Origin
2. Why am I here? - Purpose
3. Where am I going? - Destination

Believers have answers for the two questions: Where do I come from? I am from God.

Where am I going? I am going to heaven.

But many of us may be are not sure why we are here. We may be just existing, but not living with a purpose. If you want to know the purpose, ask the creator who created you. He has a purpose for creating you. The natural man looks for power, property, positions etc. For a worldly man, this world is his only hope. He doesn't have a hope for another life. If you are living for yourselves it is a cheap selfish goal. So let us do some reflection in our own lives. Auntie lived a very successful life, not in the terms of the world, but in the sight of God. She gave her life to God and lived it for God. Everything she did had an eternal purpose.

So, this is my prayer:

May the legacy of lifelong service Annamma rendered to God and humanity continue with her family and friends.



A son on his mother

Vinod C. John, Dallas, TX, USA



Of course my heart yearns to be there at this time. My Mom was a special woman who had a rock solid faith in God. Her unusual courage often amazed and inspired me. She loved her family and went to great extents to take care of each of us not concerned whether it was late at night or early in the morning.

She was willing to make any sacrifices for the sake of God's calling on her life. For the sake of ministry, she was willing to cook, scrub dishes or anything. I remember her great enthusiasm and leadership in VBS, Sunday school and other ministries. With Dad, she would be right alongside for open air meetings, street corner evangelism, tract distribution or anything else.

Whoever would come to our house for whatever reason, to visit, to service the aqua guard water purifier or make repairs would hear the gospel and be given a thorough explanation of how to get saved.

Her generosity to the poor always encouraged me. Dad stood beside her in being equally generous.

Which also brings me to a point about my Mom during the last some years. Mom's health had deteriorated as you all know and she had to cut back on ministry, though she did what she could until there was no way for her to minister during the past months.

My mom was blessed with a husband who took care of his wife like no other man I've ever seen. I'm not exaggerating in anyway because he's my dad. Those of you who are close family and friends know that Dad's schedule revolved around Mom. Even if he was at the office or running errands, he was so precise to get home to give Mom her insulin shots or whatever other medication.

He was so meticulous in taking and recording her blood pressure and blood sugar levels that often left medical professionals amazed. I recall in May of this year, when Susan and I were there, that the last vital signs check right before dad went to bed, alerted him so that she could be rushed to the emergency room.

There are so many other qualities and talents in Mom. Her cooking was often complimented by many. She could sew or do the work of a handy man. She had the ability to discern clearly. Her ministry skills were also amazing. Mom could teach, evangelize, preach to women, write articles, write doctrinally sound and beautiful hope-filled songs. Most of her songs were about meeting the Lord and being in heaven where we are confident that she is now with her beautiful Savior about whom she sang so much about. Truly she was an all-rounder and a master of several at the same time.

Well, I hope that you each are sure as she was about being in that beautiful place called heaven. If not even today, you can be sure. To the thief that repented while on the cross, Jesus assured, "Today you will be with me in paradise". You see God loved you enough to send His Son, Jesus Christ to be born sinless and live the perfect life that you or I couldn't. However, he was crucified according to God's plan, for our sins because the wages of sin is death. He was buried and rose again on the third day. Now if you confess that you're a sinner deserving of death, repent of that sin and turn to Jesus Christ and believe in Him as your Lord and Savior, you can be saved today and be sure of heaven, like my Mom was.

May her life inspire many to rise to new heights of excellence for the glory of the great God and King, Jesus Christ.



Reflections on my Mom

Dr. Pramod C. John, Hayward, CA, USA



As I reflect on my Mom, I think of growing up and remembering her, as we played together, laughed together, argued about theology together, and was taught essential life skills like how to cook and inspired to be a person of integrity. Starting at an early age and throughout my life, she showed me that Jesus was the way and that meant that we were to care for others around us and introduce those people to the same Jesus. We prayed together, we attended church together and did ministry together.

I thank the Lord for Baptist Mid-Missions, the organization that sent my Mom and Dad to India many years ago and the supporters around the world who have been faithfully supporting them, making this ministry possible in this area. I am also thankful for the hundreds of friends and well-wishers who have been praying for them over the years.

Every Christian hopes that one day, after all is said and done and their time on earth is over that the Lord will say ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things’ - Matthew 25:23. I believe that the Lord is saying that to my mother today. There is a good reason that God only requires us to be faithful over a ‘few things’ this is because that is the best that anyone can do. Mom lived a long and blessed life,

and she was faithful over a few things. She was able to share the gospel with many people whom one day she will be able to see again. She was a strong believer in doing what she felt was the ‘right’ thing at any cost. It didn’t matter to her who agreed or disagreed with her. She was also gifted in many ways, and maybe the most noteworthy was her songwriting ability which she found later in life. That is a testament to the fact that we all have gifts to give at any age. Almost all of her songs had a common theme, and that is a love for the Lord and an expectation of a future of being with Him forever. Today that future is hers. If there is one thing that she leaves behind she desires that everyone irrespective of age, gender, caste or social circumstances comes to know God. As her child, I am thankful for her teaching and living the gospel throughout the good, the bad, the sad and the joyful in life.

What if she were here now, what would she say? As you know, she is a quick-witted person, so I believe the first thing she would say is that the Jesus that she told everyone about is real and the place that he promised, heaven, is too. She would tell you that Jesus is calling you today to make a decision if you already don’t know Him because she would want you to have the same future life that she has. Follow Him, and you will see her again one day soon! ☺

"My Mummy"

Pradeep C. John, San Jose, CA, USA



My mother was known by many names - Annamma, Kunjamma, Auntie, Chechy, Song Writer, Magazine Founder, Magazine Editor, Article Writer, Director etc., but to me, she was just "Mummy" or "Mom" and that was everything she was to me.

My first memories of Mom are from when I was four years old and lying next to her in her bed, probably for a nap. I remember her asking me even at that age whether or not I wanted to go to heaven and then she would share what Christ did on the cross and ask me if I wanted to follow Him. That concern she had for my salvation, she had for everyone she met and tried to share the gospel with them. She never apologized for what she believed in and made sure her faith was known.

She was always a very loving mother, but she was also firm. She had a very deep sense of what was right and one of the things she often used to say was not to lie even if it meant losing my head. Her conviction about making sure she did the right thing was very strong and she always wanted to make sure those she touched also had the same kind of conviction. She was also a no-nonsense kind of person. She didn't beat around the bush or sugarcoat what she thought she should say no matter to whom it was. With that came stubbornness too. Once convinced of something, no one could change her mind unless she came to her own conclusion whether what was being said was right or wrong. There was very little that was gray to her - everything was either black or white.

Yet, she was also tender. I remember when I was younger she would see some news on TV or hear about something that happened and her compassion was immediately visible. She would

shed tears for people hundreds or thousands of miles away whom she had never met. She never turned away anyone who came to our house with any kind of need - whether it was food or clothes or money. She would try to help in some way or another.

Her strength and courage often surprised me in a society in which women were often reluctant to offer their opinions. She was very traditional in many ways and adhered to the culture, yet was nontraditional in that she worked along side dad as an equal. She taught us, her three boys, to always treat women with respect, that women had important and meaningful things to say and that women could be just as strong as men.

She wasn't tied to this world or things of this world. She gave away things on a regular basis to anyone and everyone. I remember once when we were visiting India, my wife Piya mentioned that she liked some tea cups in which we had just had afternoon tea. Without even a second thought, Mom immediately told us to take them with us and packed it for us to take back to the US. She knew well that this world was just a temporary place for her and she always looked forward to being with her Savior, just as she says in the words of one of her songs (included in this issue of the magazine on page cover 3).

Mom, I miss the warmth of your touch, the sound of your voice, the love in your eyes, the taste of the food you cooked, playing Scrabble with you and more things than I can write, but I know you are with the Jesus whom you loved. So, I will wait patiently until the day I meet you again in His presence.



Annamma C. John's Life and Ministry

Abraham Thomas, President, Agape Royal Ministries, Trivandrum



It was in the 80's I first met Dr. Charles and Annamma C. John at the Good News Ministries! I was invited to speak at the Vacation Bible School held at their center. I was amazed to see children from different backgrounds irrespective of religions gathered to learn VBS songs and lessons. They captured many young lives from aristocratic families through VBS program. I always fondly called them Charles sir and Auntie. Aunty was always at upfront involving and directing the program.

Another feature was the Sunday school at Good News Center where hundreds of children through the years learned the word of God. Charles Sir's command in languages and Auntie's great thoughts together made the team very effective in ministry.

Good News Ministries through the years was instrumental in passing on the truth of God's word to people with no distinction of religion by correspondence courses. Thousands of Bibles and certificates were awarded to those who completed the course.

When I became the interim pastor of First Baptist Church of Trivandrum in the 90's, I had the opportunity to assist them in a small way by replying to letters of query on different emotional, spiritual and theological issues.

It was Auntie who took initiative to connect Elsie and me with Baptist Children's home, USA to start a children's home ministry in India. At the final stages of her ministry she dedicated her time to compose beautiful Christian songs in our local language and

released 11 CDs sung by sweet singers. It would continue to encourage, comfort and challenge so many in the days ahead.

Sad to say, she was bed stricken for a long time but has been a great source of encouragement to all those who visited her. She was bold in her convictions, vocal in her opinions and unwavering in her decisions. The younger generation she ministered to are now in their middle age, still remembering the investment of Good News Ministries.

She fought the good fight, **she** finished the race, **and she** kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for **her** the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to **her** on that Day, and not to **her** only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

Dr. Charles John, is a name that we at Agape Royal Ministries could never forget. He along with Auntie and their son Vinod stood with us when we were starting the ministry from the scratch. We still recollect Charles Sir and Auntie visiting Elsie and me at our home spending time with us in prayer as we were trying to build up a ministry.

It is my wish and prayer, the ministry she along with Charles Sir started years ago, will continue to be a lighthouse directing several more thousands spiritually.

Dr. John, you are one of the great men who influenced my life and ministry. We do pray for you twice a day at home and regularly at Logos College of Theology. May the good Lord render compassion to you in the days ahead as you continue to serve Him faithfully!



Reflections

Baptist Mid-Missions, Cleveland, OH, USA

Greetings to Dr. Charles John and his family from the Baptist Mid-Missions in Cleveland and around the world. We grieve with you in the loss of your wife, mother and a co-worker, a co-laborer in the gospel. We rejoice with you over Annamma's life well-lived in the service of Christ, the people of God and others. We assure you of our prayers for you at this time and in the future.

Steve and Kim Brennecke, Baptist Mid-Missions, USA

Kim and I received your note with a mixed feeling of sadness and joy that is typical of Christian people who hear of the homegoing of a dear person who has long loved the Lord Jesus, and who has entered His very presence after years of difficult physical suffering. We are at once grieved at Annamma's passing and relieved that her pains are over. And we have now prayed for you, that you would know by experience new vistas of the Lord's grace in the absence of your dear wife, until the day of reunion in the heavens.

Phil Byars, Lead Pastor, First Baptist Church, Elkhart, Indiana, USA

I wanted to express my sincere sympathy to you on the recent loss of your dear wife, Annamma. I know this has been a difficult time in your life and in the life of your family. Losing someone you love is very difficult. I'm thankful for the time we had to interact. You and Annamma have been a great example of the Great Commission as you have taken the gospel to all corners of the earth. You have

had such a burden for the people of India and we thank you for your commitment to your ministry for so many years.

I want you to know that Robin and I are praying for you and your children. We trust you will experience the peace and comfort of God during these days of adjustment. Again, please accept my sympathy and be assured of my prayers.

Pastor Dann Green, Cedar Heights Baptist Church, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Your church family at Cedar Heights Baptist Church was saddened to hear of your loss but we are rejoicing in that Annamma's faith has become sight and that she is in the presence of her Lord and Savior. Please know that you and your family are in our prayers. We are so thankful for your faithful partnership in the gospel. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you at this time.

May the God of all comfort give you His peace and strength for the days ahead.

Rick and Cindy McVey, Fellowship Church, Decatur, Illinois, USA

We would just like you to know that Annamma's perseverance, and yours, in serving Jesus has been such a blessing and encouragement to us. Thanks for being an example of what it means to be finishing well in this world.

May you experience God's comfort in your loss.

Arvilla Maier, Elkhart, Indiana, USA.

My heart goes out to you as I too, have a

mate now in heaven. I know our Lord will be your comfort. I also know how you will miss her! Appreciated Vinod's call and prayed with him as he was disturbed that his health didn't permit him to travel at present. Will continue to pray for all of you as you all have been special in Nelson's and in my life for many years. I remember how your testimony and very being has enriched our lives and continues to do so. May God give you health to carry on until He calls you home.

Jim and Kay Parsons, Elkhart, Indiana, USA

Our dear brother Charles, Kay and I have been in contact with Vinod and heard about Annamma very early. He was very sorry that he could not make it there but we are so glad that Pramod and Pradeep could. We want you to know that you have our deepest sympathies, Charles. Annamma was such a special person, that showed her love for others. We know you will miss her and we will pray that the Lord will make up the slack by showing His presence with you daily.

Surely He has shown mercy by taking her after all the suffering she has endured for so many years.

May the Lord bless you as you face the days that lie ahead.

We trust that God will help you and that possibly you could come and be with the boys here in the States. Ps. 116:15 "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death (home-going) of His saints." We trust that He will comfort your heart in these days. God bless you. We will be praying for you.

Dr. Robi and Mrs. Jayati Dutta, Fremont, CA, USA

We extend our deepest and heartfelt condolences as we mourn the loss of our dear Annamma. We have been praying for you and the family since Piya called us about the sad news soon after they learned about it. May the Good Lord bless you and comfort you at this difficult time.

Dear Annamma has left an indelible mark in our hearts since we first met in 2003, which we will cherish for the rest of our lives. We will always remember affectionately her smiling face which conveyed so much warmth and love, and be thankful for it.

Since it's not always possible to convey one's deepest feelings through written words, we would like to talk to you in the near future when it's less hectic for you.

Steve & Becky Dye, Berlin, Germany

Greetings to your dear John family. Please feel no need to respond to this message. We simply wanted you to know that you're in our thoughts and prayers in light of Annamma's death and transition to being present with her Lord.

May you and your family continue to experience the love and prayers of God's people, and the comforting and hopeful presence of God Himself,

Dr. Ray and Dr. Gigi Anchan, Boston, MA, USA.

We are deeply saddened at Kunjamma aunty's home going. While we know she is resting and rejoicing in His Holy presence, the sting of the separation is real. She will be sorely missed. One of my early memories of aunty is traveling across Canada to Chicago with her, Vinod and Pramod as little children to meet up with Mommy, Charlechayan and Harry back in the 1960 and later spending time together in Kankakee. Time went by too quickly. I wanted to encourage each of you with a verse from Psalm 37:18 *The Lord knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever.*

You, her Christian children and grandchildren are her inheritance who will carry on her legacy and memory. God comfort and strengthen you at this very difficult time. Sorry we cannot be there.

C.V. and Mercy John, ELS, Mumbai

With so much grief we heard about

Annamma Auntie's departure as brother Monichan broke the news to us.. Now we share your loss of her with heartfelt condolences. Yes, we from far and near had a fellowship through her loving homely welcome ever since 1984 we met all of you in Trivandrum. Yes as much as you miss her, we also feel the same. May the good Lord be our portion these days of bereavement. It is very natural to be saddened at a time of separation of a mother by the children, and a caring wife by a loving husband!! No one else can fill this gap. Let this time of sorrow be transformed to a joyful time as our Lord's coming is expected any time soon.. where our reunion with all the saints will take place with him in mid air. May God fill you all with His comfort these days.

Mary Anchan, RIM Hospital, Tumkur, Karnataka

I had 4 younger brothers. Today it is 61 years since one of the brothers went to be with the Lord as a teenager. The other 3 brothers got married and their wives are my younger sisters and not sisters in law. Our youngest brother Charles, wife Annamma (we call her Kunjamma) a cheerful lady, has been a pillar of support for her husband in the Lord's work. She was a woman of discerning power and far-sightedness able to take leadership in many church activities and was a good soldier of Jesus Christ. She was not only my sister; but I was her co-worker in the publication of the magazine Christhava Vanitha. Today there is a great void in my life. I have lost my co-worker and a dearly loved member of our family. All I have to say about her is in Proverbs 31:10-31.

During her bed-ridden days my brother and I became closer than ever before. Not less than twice a day we used to share matters for praise and prayer in regard with Kunjamma's health. I being 14 years older than my brother I am like a mother to him.

During all the years of her illness he was

so close to her even when he was very sick he had no time or mood to take care of him self. All his attention was focused on his beloved wife.

He was strengthened day and night by the support of many -to mention a few Bro.Jayaraj and wife, Sherine and husband and Anil and wife. Our brother Sunnykutty and Lilly (Mr. and Mrs. George John) by their constant presence and help in various ways filled the gap made by the absence of other family members. As a family, we thank the Lord on behalf of these people and many, many others including the Hebron Christian Assembly, Pongummoodu.

Grace John, Hayward, USA

Words cannot express the loss I feel as we mourn the home-going of our mom, (mummy, Ammachi) on Tuesday the 25th September. Mom was in my life way before Pramod John even entered mine (I think I was 13 or 14 yrs old) and I am forever grateful to her for raising a son who has her passion, compassion, drive and integrity. She taught him to cook etc and he in turn taught me how to. She always made sure Pramod took care of me...She showed us by example to constantly choose to live for Jesus and others. We mourn yet rejoice because she is now without pain, rejoicing with her savior. She served the Lord in the mission field alongside dad and never missed a beat until her health started failing. Mom, you will be missed and the void you've left will never be filled but we rejoice in the hope that we will be reunited again. You have left a legacy of putting Christ, Family, and Others ahead of yourself and your needs. Dad, the way you took care of mom the last few years as her health steadily failed exemplified the love of Christ! We love you..Our lives are forever changed!

Varughese V. Varughese, Seattle, Wa. USA

We miss her. Our relation for the last 53 yrs is still continuing unfaded in His love. I

remember every time when I visit her either in hospital or at home she never permitted me to leave without praying at her bedside. She worked with you for His ministry. We will meet her at His 2nd coming in glory.

V. M. and Leela Abraham, Kaviyoor, Kerala

We share with you our deep sorrow and pray for the Lord's comfort and abiding presence. When we all get to heaven what a joy it will be!

Paily Varghese, Houston, USA

May the Lord's comforting hands touch the dear ones as they are going through the pain and sorrow of the physical separation of the dear one.

Beverly Pelletier, Kankakee, IL, USA

So very sorry for your loss. She was a great lady and was loved by many. Grace although I have never met you, you sound like a wonderful daughter-in-law. Take care of your wonderful father-in-law now. Love the family.

Paul Kodur, Community Bible Chapel, Hayward, CA, USA

Hearty condolences. "Well done thou good and faithful servant of the almighty God. Enter thou thine rest." I can picture Auntie singing her heart out in praise and worship of her beloved Lord and Master. Praising God for the opportunity we had to meet and enjoy Auntie in States. We look forward to seeing her again (Praise God for such a blessed hope we have in Him).

Praying for you Uncle Charles John and family. May the good Lord comfort you all.

Dr. Ganipalli Bhushanam, Guntur, AP, India

I express my deep sorrow and condolences to the bereaved family members. During my stay in Thiruvananthapuram, it was a pleasant time with Dr. Charles John family. They used to share their memories from Hyderabad.

May the Lord be gracious and good to them at this time of sorrow. Almighty Lord is always with them. No matter for this short separation. We have an eternal hope in the Lord that one day we all shall be in that celestial city.

Dr. Samuel K.M., Missionary, Nairobi, Kenya

Very sorry to hear the news my brother. May God comfort you and all other family members through His Word.

Sharmila & Sanjeevan Sivalingham, San Jose, CA, USA

We are sorry to hear the news of Auntie's passing. Please know that you and your family have been in our thoughts and prayers. We continue to pray that God will surround you with His peace and assurance.

Bill and Nan Mosher, Cleveland, OH, USA

Nan and I are praying for you and your boys as you adjust to life now without Annamma's presence. She is now free from the physical issues that troubled her for many years; she now rejoices in the presence of her blessed Redeemer and Lord Jesus Christ. May God's grace be abundant for you as you now learn to live without your beloved life partner and co-servant of the Lord.

Jon and Isobel Dygert, Missionaries, Scotland

We are so sorry to hear this news! Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family during this difficult time. May you find in the Lord that peace and comfort that only He can give. Sending you our love.

Selma and Joey Blackmon, Atlanta, GA, USA

Words cannot express my heart even thousands of miles away; thoughts, prayers and blessings to you all,

Condolences to family and friends, just received a phone call from Baptist Mid-Mission about Annamma's passing yesterday. Your beautiful lady is at rest. Someday we will

see her again. May this thought and our prayers comfort you at this time.

Thank you for sharing Annamma's life and funeral service with us. Thank you for the life your family is living as an example for us all!!! May our God and Savior Jesus Christ be glorified!!!

Kenneth and Mary Waldock, BMM Missionaries, Washington, USA

Our hearts go out to you and the boys and their families. We are praying for God's grace to overwhelm you and that you will experience the peace that only God can give. Her contribution to the ministry in Trivandrum is abundant and will remain unforgotten for a very long time. Be assured of our prayers.

Gerald and Bernice Wehrmann, First Regular Baptist Church, Grant Park, IL, USA

We will certainly be praying as we have been for a long time.

May God give the comfort and meet every need. May He give safety to all those traveling. Love in Christ.

Pastor Roger Long, Calvary Baptist Church, Newton, IL USA

You and your family are in our prayers at the loss of your dear wife. I pray that the God of all comfort will comfort you as only He can. I rejoice that she is with our blessed Savior enjoying the glories of heaven.

Matt and Marla Hanna, BMM, Field Administrator for Asia and Pacific, Taiwan

So sorry for your loss, but praising the Lord that Annamma's suffering is done and she is now with Christ. We will pray for you and your family.

Pastor John Gowdy, Temple Baptist Church, Portsmouth, OH, USA

An amazing life for His Glory. Love and Prayers. Thank you for sharing (Annamma's

funeral video). Watched with tears of joy and rejoicing A great woman and sister in Christ.

Pastor Chris Jennette, Calvary Baptist Church, Olney, IL, USA

Our church here in Olney, Illinois will be praying for you and yours during this difficult time. Now your precious wife is at her true home with her Savior and Lord. 2 Cor. 5:8

Sam Zachariah, Trivandrum, Kerala, India

We heard the sad news from Sunnychayan while travelling to Adur to attend another funeral. We convey our heartfelt condolences. May God strengthen you to face the situation courageously trusting in Him. Praying for you all. May God comfort you with the peace that passeth all understanding.

Dr. Jojen Mathew, Goa, India

Our heartfelt condolences and prayers. May the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Pastor Viju Philip, Kuwait

Shocked to hear the news!. Our heartfelt condolences. Praying for you and rest of the family.

Ken Eapen, Winnipeg, Canada

It is sad to hear about Kunjamma's departure from us. I know she is not suffering any more and she is in a better place.

Vinoba and Zinnie Mathews, Virginia, USA

Very sad to hear about Kunjammamma, our prayers and condolences, thoughts and love is with you and with Vinod, Pramod, Pradeep and all the families at this difficult time. May our good Lord grant you peace and comfort. Love and prayers.

Harry and Jessy Anchan, Calgary, Canada

We are shocked and heartbroken. We found out this news only now as Jessie and I boarded the plane from Detroit 30 minutes

before you sent that message. Really, what we can say at a time like this when you lost your life partner. The only consolation is that she is with the Lord and a reunion will happen someday. She will suffer no more. I am very sad as my mind runs through my collective memories of her. We cannot explain our heart ache losing our Aunty. May our God give His abundant peace and comfort to go through this hard time.

One thing for sure. She has left us with the legacy of so much music that will remind us (and so many others) of her for the rest of our lives. Those CDs will always remind us of her. Our prayers and condolences are with you. And our condolences to Vinod, Pramod, Pradeep and families.

Susan John, Nalanchira, Tvm.

“God is in every tomorrow,
Therefore I Live for today
Certian of finding at sunrise,
guidance and strength for the way,
Power for each moment of meakness
Hope for each moment of pain,
Comfort for every sorrow
Sunshine and joy after rain” (Selected)

May the Lord Strengthen the staff of “Christava Vanitha” to continue the ministry even in the absence of our beloved sisiter Annamma John, whose past life encourages all.

Boris and Lisa Roxon, Newfoundland, Canada

Just got to know the news. Keeping you, Vinod, Pramod and Pradeep in our prayers especially at this difficult time.

Dr. John P. and Zynu Anchan, Winnipeg, Canada

Just heard about Kunjammamma. Praying that the Lord continues to comfort you and the rest of the family during this difficult time. We know Auntie is with the Lord.

Dr. Elizabeth Philipose, Los Angeles, CA, USA

Prayers and love. So sorry about Aunty's transition.

Mrs. Betty Marvin, Arlington, TX, USA

Had you on our hearts and prayers and Susan sent me the message, Charles, I understand. I know John treasured our friendship. AND the highlight of our lives were our trip to India. We so wished to return some day but that also in the Lord's timing. That was such a special day when you and Annamma and your whole family were here and we spent a luncheon and the whole day reminiscing our times together, from way back when Lloyd Elston invited you to Grace. Please know, I am praying for you. My family and I send our deepest love, admiration of your dear partner, hugs and prayers to you during this difficult time.

Susy John, Chalakudy, Kerala, India

After the tears have dried and the goodbyes have been said, all we have to hold onto are the happy memories that we've shared with our loved ones who have passed, this is what keeps them alive in our hearts and in our minds, and they will continue to live on, through us.

Zerney and Beryl Wijesuriya, Colombo Sri Lanka

Our hearts go out to you in your grief and we rejoice in the reward that Annamma has received. God bless you, Charles

George and Gloria Pyle, Crown Point, IN, USA

Gloria and I were saddened to hear of Annamma's passing. We, ourselves, know the pain and sadness that seems at times to be overwhelming. Scripture gives us great promises so that although we grieve, we do not grieve as those who have no hope. In the days before my father died and in the last hours when he was still able to speak, he said, "I am going to see my Savior".



Cross of Calvary



Lyrics: Annamma C. John

Jesus cried in agony
On the cross of Calvary
And gave His life for me
So that I could have a joyful life

Joyful, joyful, joyful
My Christian life is joyful

Here I am just a traveler
I am on this earth for a moment
Passing through like a transient
My life is that of a sojourner

Joyful, joyful

I have no earthly possessions
I haven't brought anything with me
One day I will leave this world and go
To a land from where I will not return

Joyful, joyful

I will reign for endless ages
In a world from where there is no return
I will sit in the lap of my Father
In the home built for me in heaven

Joyful, joyful

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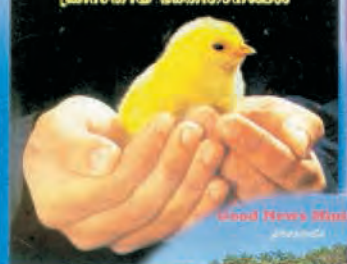
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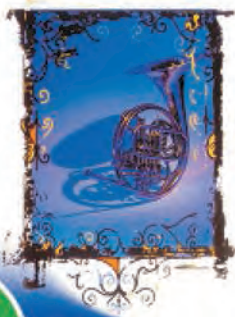


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